



Denali Commission Public Hearing

Kotzebue, Alaska

The Denali Commission is seeking constructive feedback from the public regarding Denali Commission activities. Therefore, a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2005, in Kotzebue, Alaska. The meeting will run from 9:00am to 12:00noon and be held in the Chambers of the Northwest Arctic Borough • Kotzebue, Alaska 99752 • 907.442.3401. There will be an opportunity for public comment and written testimony will be accepted one week prior to, and one week after, the Public Hearing. Please submit any written testimony to the Denali Commission offices (address below).

The Denali Commission concept was introduced by Senator Ted Stevens and passed into federal law in 1998 for the purpose of providing an efficient tool for addressing the staggering infrastructure and utility needs in rural Alaska. The Commission provides funding for general infrastructure which can demonstrate long term sustainability including power generation and transmission facilities, bulk fuel storage facilities, health care facilities, teacher housing, elder housing, washeterias, multi-use facilities, and solid waste facilities. The Commission also provides funding for job training, and economic development in rural communities.

The Commission is comprised of representatives of five statewide organizations and is co-chaired by Governor Frank Murkowski and Jeffrey Staser. The Commissioners are the Alaska Federation of Natives represented by Julie Kitka, the University of Alaska represented by Mark Hamilton, the Alaska State AFL-CIO represented by Jim Sampson, the Associated General Contractors of Alaska represented by Richard (Dick) Cattanach, and the Alaska Municipal League represented by Kevin Ritchie.

Teleconference access to this meeting will be provided through the Legislative Information Offices throughout the state. Telephone lines will be open five minutes prior to the meeting.

Questions about the meeting can be directed to the Denali Commission offices at the 907.271.1414 or toll free at 888.480.4321.